[24th July 1957

*Joint muster roll*

* 223 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the records of the Management of the Pressed Metals (Private), Limited, and the Zip Industries (Private), Limited, at Chingleput show a joint muster roll in contravention of the provisions of the Factories Act?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir. Separate muster rolls are maintained in the respective factories.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : May I know the number of employees employed by the Pressed Metals, Limited, and the Zip Industries, Limited?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have no figures with me now.

*B. & C. Mills, Madras*

* 224 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMY PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a lock-out in the B. & C. Mills in the month of February 1957; and

(*b*) whether there was any report made by the Madras Labour Union about the management having dishonoured the agreement arrived at before the Commissioner of Labour?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A representation has been made to the Commissioner of Labour. The report of the Commissioner of Labour on this subject is awaited.

*Allowances to Police constables*

* 225 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisami) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to State whether there is any proposal to increase the batta and travelling allowance of Police constables?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The answer is in the negative.

*Textile mill workers*

* 226 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR (on behalf of Sri N. K. Palanisami) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the action taken on the recommendations of the Tripartite Committee constituted during 1953 with regard to the raising of the emoluments of the textile mill workers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A note [a] is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 362–363 infra.